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SUBJECT: AMBASSADOR'S MEETING WITH GOS MINISTER OF
STATE FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS

1. THE AMBASSADOR MET WITH GOS MINISTER OF STATE FOR
FOREIGN AFFAIRS STEPHEN MATSEBULA ON JANUARY 14 FOR
GENERAL REVIEW OF MATTERS OF MUTUAL INTEREST. THE FOLLOW-
ING SUBJECTS WERE DISCUSSED:

2. CODEL DIGGS. THE AMBASSADOR INFORMED MATSEBULA THAT
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CONGRESSMAN DIGGS AND PARTY WERE PLANNING TO VISIT

SWAZILAND ON FEBRUARY 4 AND 5. MATSEBULA RECALLED WITH PLEASURE HIS PREVIOUS MEETINGS WITH CONGRESSMAN DIGGS AND SAID GOS WOULD WELCOME HIS VISIT.

3. U.S. POLICY TOWARDS AFRICA. MATSEBULA SAID GOS AND MANY OTHER AFRICAN STATES WERE CONFUSED ABOUT USG ATTITUDE TOWARD SOUTHERN AFRICAN PROBLEMS IN LIGHT OF SOUTH AFRICAN PRESS COMMENTARY SURROUNDING TRANSFER OF ASSISTANT SECRETARY EASUM. IN RESPONSE, AMBASSADOR STATED THERE HAD BEEN NO BASIC CHANGE IN USG POLICY AS REFLECTED IN EASUM SPEECH AT UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY ON NOV. 26. USG WAS CONTINUING TO SUPPORT EFFORTS FOR PEACEFUL CHANGE IN NAMIBIA AND RHODESIA, INCLUDING REPEAL OF BYRD AMENDMENT. USG CONTINUED TO DEPLORE APARTHEID POLICY IN SOUTH AFRICA. MATSEBULA EXPRESSED APPRECIATION AND AGREED THAT PRESS INTERPRETATIONS OF DEVELOPMENTS MUST BE TAKEN WITH GREAT CAUTION.

4. AMBASSADOR SCALI'S U.N. SPEECH. MATSEBULA REFERRED WITH GREAT ADMIRATION TO AMBASSADOR SCALI'S COURAGEOUS SPEECH AT UNGA POINTING OUT THE DANGERS OF BLOC VOTING AND OTHER UNFORTUNATE TRENDS AT RECENT UNGA SESSIONS. MATSEBULA RECALLED THAT AFRICAN LIBERATION MOVEMENTS HAD NEVER BEEN PERMITTED TO ADDRESS UNGA PLENARY SESSIONS BUT AFRICAN DELS HAD SUPINELY VOTED IN FAVOR OF ACCORDING THIS PRIVILEGE TO PLO. TIME WILL SHOW, HE SAID, THAT AMBASSADOR SCALI WAS RIGHT. THE AMBASSADOR EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR MATSEBULA'S REMARKS AND AGREED THAT BLOC VOTING AT UNGA HAD RESULTED IN MANY AFRICAN COUNTRIES VOTING AGAINST THEIR BASIC INTERESTS ON KOREAN AND KHIMER ISSUES.

5. ENERGY PROBLEMS. MATSEBULA SAID THAT THE ISSUE OF COMPENSATION TO AFRICAN COUNTRIES BADLY HIT BY INCREASED OIL PRICES HAD NEARLY SPLIT THE OAU AND WOULD BE A VERY THORNY ISSUE AT THE FORTHCOMING OAU MEETING IN FEBRUARY. IN EARLIER MEETING, OAU HAD AGREED THAT "CUSHIONING FUND" TO BE PROVIDED BY ARAB OIL PRODUCERS SHOULD BE DISBURSED VIA AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT BANK AND OAU SECRETARIAT. HE HAD JUST HEARD, HOWEVER, AFRICAN COUNTRIES MUST NOW APPLY FOR THESE FUNDS DIRECTLY FROM THE ARAB LEAGUE, THUS BYPASSING

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THE OAU COMMITTEE OF SEVEN. HE INDICATED THAT GOS WAS SERIOUSLY UPSET BY THIS APPARENT CAPITULATION BY THE OAU. (GOS ALLOCATION FROM "CUSHIONING FUND" IS \$4 MILLION.)

6. ASSISTANCE TO SWAZI ARMY. MATSEBULA REFERRED TO EARLIER GOS REQUESTS TO USG AND OTHER FRIENDLY GOVERNMENTS FOR ASSISTANCE TO SWAZI ARMY, NOTING THAT THESE REQUESTS HAD BEEN FOR SPECIFIC TYPES OF ASSISTANCE WHICH UNFORTUNATELY

USG HAD NOT BEEN ABLE TO PROVIDE. GOS WAS NOW THINKING OF MAKING A MORE GENERAL, FORMAL REQUEST FOR MATERIALS, SUCH AS BOOKS AND FILMS, WHICH COULD BE USED IN BASIC TRAINING OF SWAZI RECRUITS. MATSEBULA SAID GOS WOULD BE IN TOUCH WITH US FURTHER ON THIS SUBJECT. THE AMBASSADOR REPLIED THAT USG POLICY ON MILITARY ASSISTANCE TO SWAZILAND HAD NOT CHANGED BUT ANY GOS REQUEST FOR BOOKS AND FILMS WOULD BE SUBMITTED TO WASHINGTON, WHERE IT WILL RECEIVE CAREFUL AND SYMPATHETIC CONSIDERATION.

7. SWAZILAND/MOZAMBIQUE RELATIONS. MATSEBULA SAID GOS IS PREPARING TO OPEN AN OFFICE IN MOZAMBIQUE PRIOR TO FULL INDEPENDENCE NEXT JUNE, WHEN THIS OFFICE WOULD BECOME AN EMBASSY. IN THE MEANTIME, A STEADY STREAM OF GOS DELEGATIONS IS VISITING MOZAMBIQUE TO WORK OUT PRACTICAL PROBLEMS SUCH AS INCREASED USE OF THE L.. PORT FACILITIES AND THE RAILROAD FOR TRAFFIC TO AND FROM SWAZILAND. A FRELIIMO REPRESENTATIVE IS ALREADY RESIDENT IN SWAZILAND WORKING ON THE PROBLEMS OF REFUGEES WHO ARE SEEKING TO RETURN HOME. MATSEBULA SAID THAT RELATIONS BETWEEN SWAZILAND AND FRELIIMO WERE EXCELLENT AND HE FORESAW NO NEW PROBLEMS DEVELOPING.

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